

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated April 17, 2006. Claims 39 to 46 are in the application, with Claims 39 and 43 being independent. Claims 39 and 43 have been amended herein. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Claims 39 to 46 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Japan 5-91681 (JP '681) in view of Japan 4-27812 (JP '812). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended to Applicants' undersigned representative during a telephone conversation on May 8, 2006. During that conversation, the Examiner tentatively indicated that the foregoing amendments would overcome the outstanding § 103 rejection.

Accordingly, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,



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